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Washington, DC 20240

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Via email: 59524-88874432@requests.muckrock.com

Jimmy Tobias
MuckRock News
DEPT MR 59523 (for 18-01524-DEPT MR 59524)
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Dear Mr. Tobias:

On August 16, 2018, you filed a Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) seeking the following:

All binders and briefing books prepared for political appointee Micah Chambers.

On August 22, 2018, we acknowledged your request and advised you of your fee status in accordance with the FOIA. We are writing to respond to your request on behalf of the Office of the Secretary. After a search reasonably calculated to uncover all relevant documents, it has been determined that the Office of the Secretary has no records responsive to your request. Clarice Julka, Office of the Secretary FOIA Officer, is responsible for making this determination. This completes our response to your request.

Fees

Because your entitlements as an “other-use requester” (*see* 43 C.F.R. § 2.39) were sufficient to cover all applicable FOIA charges, there is no billable fee for the processing of this request.

For your information, Congress excluded three discrete categories of law enforcement and national security records from the requirements of the FOIA. *See* 5 U.S.C. § 552(c). This response is limited to records that are subject to the requirements of the FOIA. This is a standard notification that is given to all our requesters and should not be taken as an indication that excluded records do, or do not, exist.

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requests made under the Privacy Act of 1974. You may contact OGIS in any of the following ways:

The National Archives and Records Administration
Office of Government Information Services
8601 Adelphi Road- OGIS
College Park, MD 20740-6001
E-mail: ogis@nara.gov
Web: <https://ogis.archives.gov>
Telephone: 202-741-5770
Fax: 202-741-5769
Toll-free: 1-877-684-6448

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If you have any questions about our response to your request, you may contact Ryan McQuighan by phone at 202-513-0765, by fax at 202-219-2374, by email at os_foia@ios.doi.gov, or by mail at U.S. Department of the Interior, 1849 C Street, NW, MS-7328, Washington, D.C. 20240. You also may seek dispute resolution services from our FOIA Public Liaison, Clarice Julka.

Sincerely,

Clarice Julka
Office of the Secretary
FOIA Officer